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by the same agency. There is necessity to increase the number of probation officers in the city. But the present conditions won't permit the increase."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it the question of cost or is it the question of necessity that was put first? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There are many unfavourable conditions. It had not been practicable so far."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the women probation officers' conveyance allowance is very inadequate? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" My recollection is that there has been recent increase in it. But I will look into the matter."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are the Government aware of the desire both of men as well as women that the number of women probation officers should be increased? " 3 p.m.

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I do not see any reason why men also should not desire an increase in the number of women probation officers."

Availing of permission for the starting of industries.

* 18 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : " Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether all or any of the concerns or persons authorized to start various industries in respect of which permission for capital issue and import of capital goods has been given, have availed of such permission;

(b) whether any time-limit was fixed before which this permission was to be availed of;

(c) whether the Government have considered the desirability of transferring these permits to others who are eager and competent to start these industries; and

(d) whether the Government propose to invite fresh applications before allotment is made?

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSWAMI REDDI :—" (a) Yes."

" (b) Yes."

" (c) Yes. where necessary."

" (d) whenever existing licences are cancelled new applicants are selected to start such concerns."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how the selection is made? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSWAMI REDDI :—" The guiding consideration is the business and financial standing of the promoters and their capacity to start new industries."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that persons who were granted permits satisfied all these considerations and if so, why are they still not able to bring the industries into existence? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSWAMI REDDI :—" When the permits were given all these things were taken into consideration. If they are not able to start the concerns, their licenses are cancelled and new applicants are selected."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know whether those who obtained licenses for spindles before March 1947 have got them and established the mills now? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSWAMI REDDI :—"A separate question may be put, Sir."

Manufacture and distribution of cart tyres.

* 19 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is incessant demand for cart tyres by the agriculturists;

(*b*) what arrangements are made to meet the said demand;

(*c*) whether the Central Government have been asked to arrange for the manufacture and supply of the said cart tyres on a large scale;

(*d*) whether the Government are now in a position to accept the offer of the Vijayavada Foundry for the supply of cart tyres;

(*e*) how the distribution of the cart tyres is made and who the distributing authority is;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that some districts and some villages in some districts receive preference at the hands of the officials concerned in the matter of distribution; and

(*g*) whether the Government are aware that there is a great deal of discontent among the poorer ryots that the distribution of the agricultural instruments or implements is not done fairly and equitably?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) A major portion of the Provincial agricultural quota of iron and steel is set apart for cart tyres and all available stocks of cart tyres are acquired by the Agricultural Department and distributed to ryots through the Agricultural Depots in the Province.

" (*c*) The Government of India have been addressed in May 1949 for the supply of 15,000 tons of iron and steel per quarter for agricultural purposes or in the alternative to make a special allotment of 20,000 tons of cart tyres for this Province for the period from 1st April 1949 to 31st March 1950. The matter is still engaging their attention.